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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

JESSIE BASCOMB, BARRY ASKINS, ROBBIE ADAMS, HUSSAM ALHOLWANY, ROBERTO ARNOLD, ANDREW AYERS, LEROY BAINES, JOE BATIE, SANDRA BEALL, KENNETH BELL, JEROME BELSER, MARY BEVILL, DAVID BINKLEY, KIMBERLY BLUE, JONATHAN BONNER, ANGELA BOYD, SHANICA BRADLEY, WILLIE BRAY, CHRISTOPHER BROWN, REGINALD BROWN, SANDRA BROWN, **BRAZZIE BROWN, JR., ALFONZO** BRYANT, TASHA BURRELL, JOHN **BUTLER, JERRY BYRD, GEORGE** CAHILL, MICHELLE CASH, FREDRICK CLARKE, LORI COBB, RONALD COLLINS, WAYNE COLLINS, SONIA COOK, TERRY COOLEY, NANCY COSTELLO, DERRICK COVINGTON, GARY COWLEY, DANIELLE DANIEL, BRIAN DANNER, LARRY DAVIDSON, EVITA DAVIS, FREDERICK DAVIS, MARK DAVIS, SHAMENSKI DAVIS, CLARK DAWSON, LATASHA DAWSON, DEMETRIUS DERICO, WAYLAND DIXON, JAMIE DOBBS, JOHN DRIVER, JERMAINE DUCKWORTH, RICHARD EATON, GAREY EDDINS, RASHODA EDMONDS, AMBER EDWARDS, SOPHIA ELLIS, LILLIE **EUBANKS, JONNIE FARMER, ROBERT** FELICE, CHARLES FERRIS, EDWARD FITTS, LOU FORT, RONALD FOWLER, MICKEY FRAMPTON, MICHAEL FREEMAN, JOHN FULLER, HUGH GALLAGHER, LESLIE GARDNER, JERMAINE GARRETT, JANNA GILLIAM.

PLAINTIFFS

CIVIL ACTION NO: 2:18-cv-00064-KOB

LECONYEA GLASKER, LONZELL GOLSON, WILLIE GOODEN, ROBERT GOODGAME, ROSEMARY GRAVES, JOHN GRAY, DETRICK GREENE, KALEB **GREENLEAF, TERRENCE GRUBBS,** CLARENCE HALL, LEFEDRICK HAMPTON, JOHN HAMPTON, JR., KIMBERLY HARGROVE, DONALD HARRIS, TAMARA HATCHER, JOHN HAY, COLLEEN HILL, THOMAS HILL, JIMMY HOOKS, CHARLESSA HOSKIN, FRANK **WILLIAMS, MICHAEL JACKSON,** RECARRDO JACKSON, WILLIE JACKSON, HICKS JESSIE, ANGELA JOHNSON, MONICA JOHNSON, TRACY JOHNSON, COURTNEY JOINER, ROBERT JOINTER, JAMES JONES, MERLAKIA JONES, MICHAEL KIENE, **DELILAH KING, LAWANDA LAMELL,** RODERICUS LANIER, SHATAURA LEWIS, REGINALD MANN, EDWARD ATHERSON, JENNIFER MAYFIELD, ANQUENETTA McADAMS, ALFREDA McCLOUD, ASHLEY McCRACKIN, LISA McCRANEY, DARRELL McGINNESS, ANTHONY McMILLIAN, BRANDON MITCHELL, MINDY MITCHELL, WILLIE MITCHELL, SAO MONTGOMERY, RICKY MOODY, ALESIA MOODY, TERINNA MOON, EDWARD MOON, JR., CHARLES D. MOORE, CHARLES F. MOORE, DEANTA MOORE, JOY MORA, DUSHAUN MORROW, GEOFFERY MOSS, JR., CHARLES NESBITT, RAVERN NEVELS, **WILLIAM NGIGE, JOSEPH NICOLOSI, BOBBY NORMAN, JACKIE OGDEN, KEITH** PAGE, YEVETTE PARKER, CHRIS PASCHAL, OMAR PATINO, RALPH PATTERSON, RICHARD PHILLIPS,

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VS.

EXPRESS COURIER INTERNATIONAL, INC., and EMP LSO HOLDING CORPORATION

DEFENDANTS

FIRST AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED COMPLAINT

COME NOW Plaintiffs Jessie Bascomb, Barry Askins, Robbie Adams, Hussam Alholwany, Roberto Arnold, Andrew Ayers, Leroy Baines, Joe Batie, Sandra Beall, Kenneth Bell, Jerome Belser, Mary Bevill, David Binkley, Kimberly Blue, Jonathan Bonner, Angela Boyd, Shanica Bradley, Willie Bray, Christopher Brown, Reginald Brown, Sandra Brown, Brazzie Brown, Jr., Alfonzo Bryant, Tasha Burrell, John Butler, Jerry Byrd, George Cahill, Michelle Cash, Fredrick Clarke, Lori Cobb, Ronald Collins, Wayne Collins, Sonia Cook, Terry Cooley, Nancy Costello, Derrick Covington, Gary Cowley, Danielle Daniel, Brian Danner, Larry Davidson, Evita Davis, Frederick Davis, Mark Davis, Shamenski Davis, Clark Dawson, Latasha Dawson, Demetrius Derico, Wayland Dixon, Jamie Dobbs, John Driver, Jermaine Duckworth, Richard Eaton, Garey Eddins, Rashoda Edmonds, Amber Edwards, Sophia Ellis, Lillie Eubanks, Jonnie Farmer, Robert Felice, Charles Ferris, Edward Fitts, Lou Fort, Ronald Fowler, Mickey Frampton, Michael Freeman, John Fuller, Hugh Gallagher, Leslie Gardner, Jermaine Garrett, Janna Gilliam, Leconyea Glasker, Lonzell Golson, Willie Gooden,

Robert Goodgame, Rosemary Graves, John Gray, Detrick Greene, Kaleb Greenleaf, Terrence Grubbs, Clarence Hall, Lefedrick Hampton, John Hampton, Jr., Kimberly Hargrove, Donald Harris, Tamara Hatcher, John Hay, Colleen Hill, Thomas Hill, Jimmy Hooks, Charlessa Hoskin, Frank Williams, Michael Jackson, Recarrdo Jackson, Willie Jackson, Hicks Jessie, Angela Johnson, Monica Johnson, Tracy Johnson, Courtney Joiner, Robert Jointer, James Jones, Merlakia Jones, Michael Kiene, Delilah King, Lawanda Lamell, Rodericus Lanier, Shataura Lewis, Reginald Mann, Edward Matherson, Jennifer Mayfield, Anguenetta McAdams, Alfreda McCloud, Ashley McCrackin, Lisa McCraney, Darrell McGinness, Anthony McMillian, Brandon Mitchell, Mindy Mitchell, Willie Mitchell, Montgomery, Ricky Moody, Alesia Moody, Terinna Moon, Edward Moon, Jr., Charles D. Moore, Charles F. Moore, Deanta Moore, Joy Mora, Dushaun Morrow, Geoffery Moss, Jr., Charles Nesbitt, Ravern Nevels, William Ngige, Joseph Nicolosi, Bobby Norman, Jackie Ogden, Keith Page, Yevette Parker, Chris Paschal, Omar Patino, Ralph Patterson, Richard Phillips, Marguez Pittman, Jesse Pollard, Matthew Pope, James Pope, Alan Pruitt, Andrew Pruitt, William Pugh, Theodore Quarrels, Martha Rader, Misty Reeves, Daniel Reeves, Rodney Reynolds, Edward Riley, Jr., Coy Robinson, Joshua Rodriguez, Katrina Sanders, Rosetta Sankey,

Aaron Saxton, Gary Sellers, Marcus Shepherd, Robert Sholund, Debra Singleton, Charles Sneed, Tracy Smith, Sr., Jaime Stegall, Jeffery Stewart, Tiffany Sturdivants, Santwan Swain, Eugene Taylor, Joyce Thacker, John Thomas, Cynthia Thomas, Bryan Thompson, Benjamin Thorne, Shirley Tingle, Jacqueline Tolbert, Patricia Tomei, Marcus Treadwell, Tanya Treadwell, Jawaun Tucker, Chris Turner, Rodney Van Alstin, Tamika Washington, Jarvis Watkins, Brian Weeks, Andria Whisnant, Tiffany White, Thomas White, Alonzo Williams, Felecia Williams, Melvin Williams, Sharlene Williams, Charles Wright, Kimberly Yarbrough, Torrey Young, Veronica Campbell, Jamil Pride, Tony Smith, Jerryl Todd, Joseph Walker and Shaun Younger ("Plaintiffs"), by and through their attorney D. Patrick Evans of The Evans Law Firm, P.C., and for their First Amended and Substituted Complaint ("Complaint") against Defendants Express Courier International, Inc., and EMP LSO Holding Corporation (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendant"), and in support thereof do hereby state and allege as follows:

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

1. Plaintiffs bring this action under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq. ("FLSA"), for declaratory judgment, monetary damages, liquidated damages, prejudgment interest, and a reasonable

attorney's fee and costs, as a result of Defendant's failure to pay Plaintiffs minimum and overtime wages as required by law.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama has subject matter jurisdiction over this suit under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because this suit raises federal questions under the FLSA.
- 3. Defendant conducts business within the State of Alabama, providing courier/delivery services within the State of Alabama.
- 4. Venue lies properly within this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and (c)(2), because the State of Alabama has personal jurisdiction over Defendant, and Defendant therefore "resides" in Alabama.
- 5. A substantial part of the acts complained of herein were committed and had their principal effect against Plaintiffs within the Southern Division of the Eastern District of Alabama; venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

III. THE PARTIES

6. Plaintiff Jessie Bascomb is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

7. Plaintiff Barry Askins is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

8. Plaintiff Robbie Adams is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

9. Plaintiff Hussam Alholwany is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

10. Plaintiff Roberto Arnold is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

- 11. Plaintiff Andrew Ayers is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 12. Plaintiff Leroy Baines is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 13. Plaintiff Joe Batie is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 14. Plaintiff Sandra Beall is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 15. Plaintiff Kenneth Bell is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 16. Plaintiff Jerome Belser is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

17. Plaintiff Mary Bevill is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

18. Plaintiff David Binkley is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

19. Plaintiff Kimberly Blue is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

20. Plaintiff Jonathan Bonner is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

- 21. Plaintiff Angela Boyd is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 22. Plaintiff Shanica Bradley is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 23. Plaintiff Willie Bray is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 24. Plaintiff Christopher Brown is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 25. Plaintiff Reginald Brown is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 26. Plaintiff Sandra Brown is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

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27. Plaintiff Brazzie Brown, Jr. is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

28. Plaintiff Alfonzo Bryant is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

29. Plaintiff Tasha Burrell is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

30. Plaintiff John Butler is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

31. Plaintiff Jerry Byrd is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

32. Plaintiff George Cahill is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

33. Plaintiff Michelle Cash is an individual and resident of the State of Ohio.

34. Plaintiff Fredrick Clarke is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

35. Plaintiff Lori Cobb is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

36. Plaintiff Ronald Collins is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

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37. Plaintiff Wayne Collins is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

38. Plaintiff Sonia Cook is an individual and resident of the State of

Alabama.

39. Plaintiff Terry Cooley is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

40. Plaintiff Nancy Costello is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

41. Plaintiff Derrick Covington is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

42. Plaintiff Gary Cowley is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

43. Plaintiff Danielle Daniel is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

44. Plaintiff Brian Danner is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

45. Plaintiff Larry Davidson is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

46. Plaintiff Evita Davis is an individual and resident of the State of

Alabama.

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47. Plaintiff Frederick Davis is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

48. Plaintiff Mark Davis is an individual and resident of the State of

Alabama.

49. Plaintiff Shamenski Davis is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

50. Plaintiff Clark Dawson is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

51. Plaintiff Latasha Dawson is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

52. Plaintiff Demetrius Derico is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

53. Plaintiff Wayland Dixon is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

54. Plaintiff Jamie Dobbs is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

55. Plaintiff John Driver is an individual and resident of the State of

Alabama.

56. Plaintiff Jermaine Duckworth is an individual and resident of the

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57. Plaintiff Richard Eaton is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

58. Plaintiff Garey Eddins is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

59. Plaintiff Rashoda Edmonds is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

60. Plaintiff Amber Edwards is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

61. Plaintiff Sophia Ellis is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

62. Plaintiff Lillie Eubanks is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

63. Plaintiff Jonnie Farmer is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

64. Plaintiff Robert Felice is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

65. Plaintiff Charles Ferris is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

66. Plaintiff Edward Fitts is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

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67. Plaintiff Lou Fort is an individual and resident of the State of

Alabama.

68. Plaintiff Ronald Fowler is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

9. Plaintiff Mickey Frampton is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

70. Plaintiff Michael Freeman is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

71. Plaintiff John Fuller is an individual and resident of the State of

Alabama.

72. Plaintiff Hugh Gallagher is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

73. Plaintiff Leslie Gardner is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

74. Plaintiff Jermaine Garrett is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

75. Plaintiff Janna Gilliam is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

76. Plaintiff Leconyea Glasker is an individual and resident of the

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77. Plaintiff Lonzell Golson is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

78. Plaintiff Willie Gooden is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

79. Plaintiff Robert Goodgame is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

80. Plaintiff Rosemary Graves is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

81. Plaintiff John Gray is an individual and resident of the State of

Alabama.

82. Plaintiff Detrick Greene is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

83. Plaintiff Kaleb Greenleaf is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

84. Plaintiff Terrence Grubbs is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

85. Plaintiff Clarence Hall is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

86. Plaintiff Lefedrick Hampton is an individual and resident of the

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87. Plaintiff John Hampton, Jr. is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

88. Plaintiff Kimberly Hargrove is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

89. Plaintiff Donald Harris is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

90. Plaintiff Tamara Hatcher is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

91. Plaintiff John Hay is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

92. Plaintiff Colleen Hill is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

93. Plaintiff Thomas Hill is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

94. Plaintiff Jimmy Hooks is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

95. Plaintiff Charlessa Hoskin is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

96. Plaintiff Frank Williams is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

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97. Plaintiff Michael Jackson is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

98. Plaintiff Recarrdo Jackson is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

99. Plaintiff Willie Jackson is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

100. Plaintiff Hicks Jessie is an individual and resident of the State of

Alabama.

101. Plaintiff Angela Johnson is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

102. Plaintiff Monica Johnson is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

103. Plaintiff Tracy Johnson is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

104. Plaintiff Courtney Joiner is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

105. Plaintiff Robert Jointer is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

106. Plaintiff James Jones is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

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107. Plaintiff Merlakia Jones is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

108. Plaintiff Michael Kiene is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

109. Plaintiff Delilah King is an individual and resident of the State of

Alabama.

110. Plaintiff Lawanda Lamell is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

111. Plaintiff Rodericus Lanier is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

112. Plaintiff Shataura Lewis is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

113. Plaintiff Reginald Mann is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

114. Plaintiff Edward Matherson is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

115. Plaintiff Jennifer Mayfield is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

116. Plaintiff Anguenetta McAdams is an individual and resident of

the State of Alabama.

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117. Plaintiff Alfreda McCloud is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

118. Plaintiff Ashley McCrackin is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

119. Plaintiff Lisa McCraney is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

120. Plaintiff Darrell McGinness is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

121. Plaintiff Anthony McMillian is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

122. Plaintiff Brandon Mitchell is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

123. Plaintiff Mindy Mitchell is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

124. Plaintiff Willie Mitchell is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

125. Plaintiff Sao Montgomery is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

126. Plaintiff Ricky Moody is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

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127. Plaintiff Alesia Moody is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

128. Plaintiff Terinna Moon is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

129. Plaintiff Edward Moon, Jr. is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

130. Plaintiff Charles D. Moore is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

131. Plaintiff Charles F. Moore is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

132. Plaintiff Deanta Moore is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

133. Plaintiff Joy Mora is an individual and resident of the State of

Alabama.

134. Plaintiff Dushaun Morrow is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

135. Plaintiff Geoffery Moss, Jr. is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

136. Plaintiff Charles Nesbitt is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

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137. Plaintiff Ravern Nevels is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

138. Plaintiff William Ngige is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

139. Plaintiff Joseph Nicolosi is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

140. Plaintiff Bobby Norman is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

141. Plaintiff Jackie Ogden is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

142. Plaintiff Keith Page is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

143. Plaintiff Yevette Parker is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

144. Plaintiff Chris Paschal is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

145. Plaintiff Omar Patino is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

146. Plaintiff Ralph Patterson is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

147. Plaintiff Richard Phillips is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

148. Plaintiff Marguez Pittman is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

149. Plaintiff Jesse Pollard is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

150. Plaintiff Matthew Pope is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

151. Plaintiff James Pope is an individual and resident of the State of

Alabama.

152. Plaintiff Alan Pruitt is an individual and resident of the State of

Alabama.

153. Plaintiff Andrew Pruitt is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

154. Plaintiff William Pugh is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

155. Plaintiff Theodore Quarrels is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

156. Plaintiff Martha Rader is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

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157. Plaintiff Misty Reeves is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

158. Plaintiff Daniel Reeves is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

159. Plaintiff Rodney Reynolds is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

160. Plaintiff Edward Riley, Jr. is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

- 161. Plaintiff Coy Robinson is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 162. Plaintiff Joshua Rodriguez is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 163. Plaintiff Katrina Sanders is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 164. Plaintiff Rosetta Sankey is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 165. Plaintiff Aaron Saxton is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 166. Plaintiff Gary Sellers is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

167. Plaintiff Marcus Shepherd is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

168. Plaintiff Robert Sholund is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

169. Plaintiff Debra Singleton is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

170. Plaintiff Charles Sneed is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

171. Plaintiff Tracy Smith, Sr. is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

172. Plaintiff Jaime Stegall is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

173. Plaintiff Jeffery Stewart is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

174. Plaintiff Tiffany Sturdivants is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

175. Plaintiff Santwan Swain is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

176. Plaintiff Eugene Taylor is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

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177. Plaintiff Joyce Thacker is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

178. Plaintiff John Thomas is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

179. Plaintiff Cynthia Thomas is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

180. Plaintiff Bryan Thompson is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

181. Plaintiff Benjamin Thorne is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

182. Plaintiff Shirley Tingle is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

183. Plaintiff Jacqueline Tolbert is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

184. Plaintiff Patricia Tomei is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

185. Plaintiff Marcus Treadwell is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

186. Plaintiff Tanya Treadwell is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

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187. Plaintiff Jawaun Tucker is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

188. Plaintiff Chris Turner is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

189. Plaintiff Rodney Van Alstin is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

190. Plaintiff Tamika Washington is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

191. Plaintiff Jarvis Watkins is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

192. Plaintiff Brian Weeks is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

193. Plaintiff Andria Whisnant is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

194. Plaintiff Tiffany White is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

195. Plaintiff Thomas White is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

196. Plaintiff Alonzo Williams is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

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197. Plaintiff Felecia Williams is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

198. Plaintiff Melvin Williams is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

199. Plaintiff Sharlene Williams is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

200. Plaintiff Charles Wright is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

- 201. Plaintiff Kimberly Yarbrough is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 202. Plaintiff Torrey Young is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 203. Plaintiff Veronica Campbell is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 204. Plaintiff Jamil Pride is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 205. Plaintiff Tony Smith is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 206. Plaintiff Jerryl Todd is an individual and resident of the State of Alabama.

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207. Plaintiff Joseph Walker is an individual and resident of the State

of Alabama.

208. Plaintiff Shaun Younger is an individual and resident of the

State of Alabama.

209. At all times relevant to this Complaint, each Plaintiff performed

courier services for Defendant within the State of Alabama.

210. Defendant Express Courier International, Inc. ("Express"), is a

foreign, for-profit corporation, registered to conduct business within the

State of Alabama.

211. Express has designated C T CORPORATION SYSTEM at 2

NORTH JACKSON STREET, SUITE 605 MONTGOMERY, AL 36104, to

accept service on its behalf.

212. Defendant EMP LSO Holding Corporation is a foreign, for-profit

corporation, whose principal place of business is 3060 Peachtree Road

NW, Suite 360, Atlanta, Georgia 30305.

213. Defendant provides on-demand and scheduled courier services.

214. Defendant's primary business purpose is to provide

courier/delivery services, and Defendant engages couriers/drivers to

accomplish this goal.

215. Courier/delivery services are at least one integral part of

Defendant's business.

216. Defendant's annual gross volume of sales made or business

done was not less than \$500,000.00 (exclusive of excise taxes at the retail

level that are separately stated) during each of the three calendar years

preceding the filing of this Complaint.

217. Defendant has at least two employees that handle, sell, or

otherwise work on goods or materials that have been moved in or produced

for interstate commerce, including, but not limited to, medical supplies and

bio-materials, office supplies, auto parts, manufactured goods, or office

equipment for the benefit of Defendant.

IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

218. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege all previous paragraphs of this

Complaint as though fully incorporated in this section.

219. To carry out Defendant's courier/delivery services, Defendant

contracted with couriers/drivers (referred to herein as "couriers" or "drivers")

during the relevant time.

220. Each Plaintiff performed the basic duties of a courier during the

relevant time.

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221. The basic duties of a courier include transporting and delivering

packages to Defendant's customers.

222. As workers for Defendant, each Plaintiff was economically

dependent on Defendant's business and each Plaintiff's work was an

integral part of Defendant's courier enterprise.

223. At all times relevant herein, Defendant set Plaintiffs'

compensation and it determined how Plaintiffs' work was performed by

controlling all meaningful aspects of its working relationship with each

Plaintiff.

224. To support its delivery business, Defendant maintained a

hierarchy of corporate level employees to oversee numerous field

"branches," which were located throughout the southeastern United States

and were divided into regions.

225. At the corporate level, Defendant maintained an operations

department, a compliance department, an accounting department, a

marketing department, an information-technology department, and an

insurance department.

226. Defendant's compliance department was responsible for

determining what was required to conduct Defendant's courier services in

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compliance with applicable laws and communicating those requirements to

Defendant's branches.

227. The compliance department was in charge of preparation,

maintenance and use of Defendant's standard Agreement.

228. Defendant's compliance department was also responsible for

processing all applications to become drivers and vetting them for minimum

requirements.

229. Defendant's corporate office had a Director of Business

Analytics whose job was to help the branch run more efficiently or perform

research to improve business operations.

230. Defendant also employed a Director of Operations to support

branches and sales by mining data and running reports for the company for

maximizing profits.

231. Defendant also maintained a corporate-level dispatch office,

with an attachment of "Central Ops Specialists," whose job was to monitor

customer requirements and make sure customer expectations were met.

232. Each branch had a senior employee in charge of the branch

and drivers.

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233. Branch Managers were responsible to ensure that Plaintiffs

were operating under applicable company, federal and state rules,

regulations and operating procedures.

234. Branch Managers were also responsible to ensure that

customers were receiving quality delivery services and that deliveries were

made on time.

235. Branch Managers were required to facilitate branch standards

reporting to Defendant's corporate office regarding how satisfied customers

were with drivers' delivery performance.

236. Defendant required Branch Managers to have management

skills that would allow them to ensure that drivers delivered packages on

time and that customers were satisfied and to bring in new customers or

sell services.

237. Branch Managers or whoever else was in charge of the facility

had the authority to terminate Plaintiffs.

238. Branch Managers were also tasked with managing the branch

within budgeted guidelines from Defendant's corporate office and the

parameters set by the Regional Director.

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239. Branch Managers were also responsible for maintaining a positive and safe working environment for individuals working at the branch, which included drivers.

240. Branch Managers were in charge of assigning the routes to drivers.

- 241. Branch Managers, not drivers, were responsible for setting long and short-term business objectives.
- 242. Defendant treated each Plaintiff as an "independent contractor" for purposes of the FLSA.
- 243. Defendant required each and every potential courier to enter into a standard agreement, which Defendant called an "independent contractor agreement" or "owner-operator agreement."
- 244. No Plaintiffs were involved in drafting the terms of Defendant's standard agreement.
- 245. Defendant required each driver to satisfy whatever needs and requirements Defendant's customers had.
- 246. All drivers were hired to work for Defendant for an indefinite period of time.
- 247. Defendant expected each Plaintiff to wear a photo identification badge.

248. Plaintiffs were expected to follow Defendant's dress code and guidelines.

249. Defendant leased warehouses in which drivers picked-up parcels for delivery.

- 250. No drivers shared in Defendant's profits.
- 251. No drivers shared in Defendant's losses.
- 252. Defendant paid drivers through a combination of piece rates, route rates or delivery rates.
- 253. Defendant entered into contracts with their customers, and no drivers signed contracts with Defendant's customers.
- 254. Defendant set prices to its customers for certain types of packages or delivery routes without driver input or negotiation.
- 255. Defendant determined where to locate Defendant's branches and offices without driver input.
- 256. Defendant made decisions on advertising Defendant's business without driver input.
- 257. Plaintiffs did not advertise themselves as independent businesses.
- 258. Defendant made decisions on what new business to pursue or take without driver input.

259. Drivers did not negotiate contracts or prices with Defendant's

customers.

260. Defendant expected drivers to follow Defendant's policies

regarding how to track deliveries.

261. Defendant's standard agreement required drivers to obtain and

maintain certain types of insurance.

262. Defendant's standard agreement required drivers to use

communication equipment that was compatible with Defendant's operating

system.

263. Defendant's standard agreement gave Defendant the sole

discretion to investigate, adjudicate and charge drivers for delays,

shortages, mis-deliveries, and claims related to lost, damaged or

contaminated loads.

264. Defendant's standard agreement required drivers to obtain

written consent from Defendant before operating their vehicles for another

motor carrier.

265. If a customer had a complaint about any driver, the customer

was supposed to complain to someone at the branch or to corporate

headquarters, not to the driver.

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266. Defendant generally did not pay any drivers any overtime

premium for hours that they worked over forty hours per week.

267. If any driver worked more than forty hours per week,

Defendant's policy was not to pay that driver an overtime premium of one

and one half times the driver's regular rate for the hours over forty.

268. Defendant had a general practice keeping no contemporaneous

records of time that drivers performed courier/delivery services on

Defendant's behalf.

269. After deducting for expenses related to the operation of at least

some Plaintiffs' vehicles in the course of performing job duties for

Defendant, some Plaintiffs' pay regularly fell below the minimum wages

required by the FLSA.

270. Defendant knew or should have known that the job duties of

Plaintiffs required Plaintiffs to work hours in excess of forty per week, yet

Defendant failed and refused to compensate Plaintiffs for their work as

required by the FLSA.

271. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant was aware of the

minimum wage and overtime requirements of the FLSA.

272. Defendant purposefully and knowingly classified drivers as

"independent contractors."

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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Individual Claims for FLSA Violations)

273. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege all the preceding paragraphs of

this Complaint as if fully set forth in this section.

274. 29 U.S.C. §§ 206 and 207 require any enterprise engaged in

commerce to pay all employees a minimum wage for all hours worked up to

forty (40) in one week and to pay one and one-half times regular wages for

all hours worked over forty (40) hours in a week, unless an employee

meets certain exemption requirements of 29 U.S.C. § 213 and all

accompanying Department of Labor regulations.

275. Defendant misclassified all Plaintiffs as independent

contractors.

276. The costs that Plaintiffs incurred, including, but not limited to,

use of their own vehicles, for the benefit of Defendant, caused some

Plaintiffs' free and clear pay to fall below minimum wages.

277. Defendant also unlawfully refrained from paying Plaintiffs an

overtime premium for hours over forty per week.

278. Defendant's failure to pay each Plaintiff all minimum and

overtime wages owed and failure to reimburse Plaintiff's work-related

vehicle expenses was willful.

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279. By reason of the unlawful acts alleged herein, Defendant is liable to each Plaintiff for monetary damages, liquidated damages, and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for all violations that occurred within the three (3) years prior to the filing of this Complaint.

VIII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Plaintiffs Jessie Bascomb, Barry Askins, Robbie Adams, Hussam Alholwany, Roberto Arnold, Andrew Ayers, Leroy Baines, Joe Batie, Sandra Beall, Kenneth Bell, Jerome Belser, Mary Bevill, David Binkley, Kimberly Blue, Jonathan Bonner, Angela Boyd, Shanica Bradley, Willie Bray, Christopher Brown, Reginald Brown, Sandra Brown, Brazzie Brown, Jr., Alfonzo Bryant, Tasha Burrell, John Butler, Jerry Byrd, George Cahill, Michelle Cash, Fredrick Clarke, Lori Cobb, Ronald Collins, Wayne Collins, Sonia Cook, Terry Cooley, Nancy Costello, Derrick Covington, Gary Cowley, Danielle Daniel, Brian Danner, Larry Davidson, Evita Davis, Frederick Davis, Mark Davis, Shamenski Davis, Clark Dawson, Latasha Dawson, Demetrius Derico, Wayland Dixon, Jamie Dobbs, John Driver, Jermaine Duckworth, Richard Eaton, Garey Eddins, Rashoda Edmonds, Amber Edwards, Sophia Ellis, Lillie Eubanks, Jonnie Farmer, Robert Felice, Charles Ferris, Edward Fitts, Lou Fort, Ronald Fowler, Mickey Frampton, Michael Freeman, John Fuller, Hugh

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- A. That each Defendant be summoned to appear and answer herein;
- B. That each Defendant be required to account to Plaintiffs and the Court for all of the hours worked by Plaintiffs and all monies paid to them;
- C. A declaratory judgment that Defendant's practices alleged herein violate the FLSA and attendant regulations;

- D. Judgment for damages for all unpaid minimum wages and overtime compensation under the FLSA and attendant regulations;
- E. Judgment for liquidated damages pursuant to the same laws in an amount equal to all unpaid minimum wages and overtime compensation owed to Plaintiffs during the applicable statutory period;
- F. An order directing Defendant to pay Plaintiffs prejudgment interest, reasonable attorney's fees and all costs connected with this action;
 - G. A trial by jury; and
- H. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this the 11th of April, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing **FIRST AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED COMPLAINT** with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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